

was learned today.

this quarter.

This leaves \$9,000,000 still to ...

be drawn from the Canadilin

In each of the two previous

months. Britain drew \$15,000,000

from the Canadian loan, as

against \$40,000,000 a month in

the last quarter of 1947.—Reu-

Hongkong's

Re-Exports:

In Commons

London, Mar. 9.—Mr William

Teeling, Conservative, asked in

the House of Commons today

what was being done about ex-

had been held up in Hongkong

Mr George Bottomley, Secretary

for Oversens Trade, regretted he had

no figures available as Hongkong was

the general distributing centre, for

to distinguish goods imported for

resale, or on shipment to China,

from those destined for other mar-

Siam, it is a soft currency area and

SHOULD BE RELEASED

the Board of Trade's duty to release

a little more hard currency.

we shall not be very anxious."

the Far East and it was not possible.

the last six months.

Questions

loan this month, to complete the

agreed drawings of \$45,000,000

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## 2 EXPLOSIONS ROCK JERUSALEM Heavy Loan Withdrawals

#### London, Mar. 9.—Britain last week drew \$6,000,000 from her Houses Blown Up Canadian loan, in addition to drawing the last \$100,000,000 from the United States Ican, it

# ARAB ATTACK ON JEWISH COLONY REPULSED

Jerusalem, Mar. 9.—Two heavy explosions rocked Jerusalem tonight. The first was followed by heavy gunfire. The initial explosion was in the Arab-populated Katamon area of the city. The firing which followed was from automatic weapons and was accompanied by smaller explosions, believed to be caused by hand grenades.

The first explosion rattled windows over several miles. The second explosion shook the whole dis-

Tracer bullets streaked across the night sky over the southern sections of the city, which included the district of Mokor Haim, where have been the scenes of intermittent fighting.

First reports indicated that three-|gers succeeded in escaping unfurt. inch mortars had been brought into -Associated Press. nction. Police armoured cars were

ports destined for China which rushed to the area. in the Katamon area. Haganah Radio reported tonight

> bomb inside the Arab Moslem stronghold of Nablus, 40 miles north of Jerusalem, but was caught and and an Arab companion were killed. Irgun Zvai Leumi headquarters tonight described as "misleading" the reports of a merger agreement

Mr Teeling: "Is the Minister Haganah, according to Jewish China has quite recently sources in Tel Aviv. closed the market to many goods The announcement said: being put through Hongkong, and agreement, if ratified, will are steps being taken elsewhere, operational war agreement and with a terrific barrage. details will not be published even if

Mr Bottomley: "That will be con- ratifled because publication would sidered, although in the case of be useful to the British."-Reuter.

#### **HEAVY FIGHTING**

Jerusalem, Mar. 9.—Heavy gunfire and mortar fighting between Arab Press. Mr Walter Fletcher, Conservative, Jaffa and Jewish Tel-Aviv shattered said an enormous amount of goods the predawn hours on Tuesday, and and merchandise was held up in preliminary reports said that five Hongkong. He suggested it was Arabs and two Jews were killed. The police had only sparse details. them-and-redistribute-them-to-gain-lit-is-believed that the Arabs began fofficial source said.

attacking Tel-Aviv and Jews coun-Bottomely repeated that tered by trying to push into Jaffa. Hongkong was a general distributing Tuesday's deaths plus some others This was a matter which late Monday night raised the toll had to be considered fully. Import since partition to 1641, including 706 Jews, 807 Arnbs, 103 British, three Americans and 22 others.

After Mr Bottomley had answered another question about the amount Later on Tuesday afternoon, in of British exports to Siam and the the no-man's-land of a southern Philippines, Mr Teeling said Con- Jerusalem suburb, a group of armed servatives were rather nervous that Arabs fired on and stopped a bus and drove it away to Arab headquarters. The bus was on its way Mr Bottomley replied that the to the nearby Jewish Mokor Haim Government was paying it every at- quarter, Arab sources reported. The [ Jewish driver and several bus passen-

#### Discovery Berkeley, California, Mar. 9.— A new laboratory achievement—

New Atomic

the manufacture of an atom particle known as a mesonwas reported here today, and acclaimed as the greatest thing in atomic research since the discovery of uranium fission in

The manufacture of the meson, an atom particle as protons. electrons and neutrons are atom particles, was announced by Dr Ernest Lawrence, and Mr James B. Fish, Research Director of the United States Atomic Energy Commission.

The particles, which eventually may lead to atomic energy far greater than that within the atom bomb, were produced in the University of California's 4,000-ton cyclotron.

Dr Lawrence said the laboratory mesons will give scientists their best tool for finding out just what particles there are in the nuclei of atoms.—Reuter.

# Front-Line Soldier Still Important

#### Shinwell's House Of Commons Statement

London, Mar. 9.—The idea that the discovery of modern and more deadly weapons of warfare had destroyed the value of the army was disputed today by the War Minister, Mr Emanuel Shinwell.

"I believe this is a fallacy Scientists may have produced weapons of mass destruction but none which so far obviates the need for fighting on land," he declared. that is required is to press a button last year's £675,000,000 to £250,- The survey said negotiations were men.-United the possession of my Department, and it may prove dangerous for this country to rely upon any such assumption."

Mr Shinwell was opening a debate in the House of Commons on the Army Estimates, which provide for a net expenditure in the coming financial year of £305 million—£98 million less than in the current

#### NOT IN CONFLICT

The commitments of the British Army overseas did not conflict with "our wish to be spared the horrors of another war and to seek, through conciliation and agreement, a lasting

"We are compelled in this period About 2,000 were troops, of the of disturbance and confusion to seek effective, measures to uphold the traditions of this nation, whose way well-worth defending". The true size of the Army on

April 1 would be 527,000. In a year's time, it would be 339,000. .Since the end of the war in <u>Europe, 2,645,000, men had been re-</u> leased from the Army. By the end of next March, it was hoped to build up the regular army—the longservice army excluding conscriptsto about 200,000 men. If war should occur in the future,

Britain could not hope to gain 'a breathing space in which to build up. and train her land forces.

#### SHOCK WILL BE SHARP

"The shock will be sharp sudden", Mr Shinwell declared. Consequently, a steady flow of trained and disciplined men was needed for the Territorial Army, which would be composed of volunteers and men who had served a year as national service men (con-

This Territorial Army must, on centre line politically and the rest | the outbreak of war, be able to profrom religious groups.-Associated vide for the bulk of Britain's antiaircraft and coast defences, the · necessary reinforcements for the own, but as administrative and tine, "the Arabs will immediately modern technical units for service

#### Refuelling Feat

Shannon Airport, Eire, Mar. 9,-

# GRIM POSSIBILITY OF HUNGER AND NO WORK

HONGKONG TELEGRAPH.

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# Warning

London, Mar. 9.—Sir Stafford Cripps, Director of Britain's economy, laid before his country today the "excessively grim" possibility of hunger and unemployment unless United States aid is approved by Congress.

In a 30,000 word survey for 1948 he listed imports of food and vital raw materials only until the end of June. He said for later months "they have not been finally decided."

MINIMUM IMPORTS

Imports from hard currency areas

Wood imports, the survey said,

point which "severely reflects" the

Britain began 1948 with gold and

The White Paper predicted that if

scrap for steel production from Ger-

To Guatemala

London, Mar. 9.—Britain reiterated

Britain said that unless Guatemala

the United Nations Court,

many.-Associated Press.

have already been reduced to

building programme.

of foods and raw materials will be

The Chancellor of the Exchequer i Without the help of the European said emergency schemes for slashing recovery programme now being food and other purchases are already debated in Washington, however, being considered if Marshall plan Britain would face wholesale unaid fails to arrive. Plans are also employment, distress and dislocation being considered for making the most of production, the White Paper said. of the money if it becomes available. The estimate given to the House of Cripps did not go into details about | Commons on December 18 of £1,the plans, but said, "Preparations are 550,000,000 in receipts from exports, being made for either eventuality." was cut to £1,500,000,000. Sir Stafford Cripps, prophesied a: "Somewhat reduced" standard of living for the British, people even with the help of Marshall Plan

The survey disclosed that because kept to a minimum but food foreign markets are becoming purchases in "softer" markets is "saturated" with goods, the Govern- | planned to give variety to the diet. ment has slashed its 1948 export

#### target by 10 per cent. LACK OF STEEL

Lack of steel also will curtail The number of jobless will rise dollar reserves of about £680,000,

from the end of 1947 ... figure - of 000, the paper said but withdrawals 300,000 to 450,000, the paper pre- of £220,000,000 are planned for the dicted but explained that the in- first half of this year. crease for the most part would be short-term unemployment and no there were no marked increase in "depressed areas" should emerge. production of textile goods a reduc-The overall descit in balance of tion would be made in the present of Land's End,

"The idea that in a future war all payments was expected to drop from clothing ration.

# MacArthur For President British Note Campaign

Washington, Mar. 9.—The campaign to elect General Douglas her claim to full sovereignty over MacArthur, the Supreme Allled British Honduras foday in a formal note to Guatemala. Guatemala has Commander in Tokyo, to be President of the United States, swung | been claiming the British colony in Central America for a century. into action here today, after the general's announcement of his is prepared to submit the conflict to willingness to run.

Mr Warren Wright, a Chicago should desist from a policy which banker who is the national co- can only be an impediment to good ordinator of the "MacArthur for relations between the two countries." America" Clubs being set up across | The note followed by one day the nation, waved a sheaf of tele- Guatemala's appeal to the Pangrams at a press conference here, American Union alleging British it was both unreasonable and declaring: "General MacArthur's acts in Honduras violated the Pan- "illegal" for the Bureau to dissolve sentiment is already landsliding the American defence treaty. The Bri- it "of their own free will."

country. "General MacArthur's statement Guatemala formally recognised Bri- decided to answer the Guild's yesterday offers hope and courage to Ush title to Honduras as already charges privately, and decline to people. This is more than a political treaty was invalidated when Bri- cording to the China Press. campaign; it is a crusade for real tain failed to build a road from Americans to save America."

here indicate that the general's tory :- Associated Press. supporters feel that he would take a firm policy towards Russia, and that, because of his long military experience, he would be the man and "to tell old Joe where to get off."-

### **CHEERS FOR** CHURCHILL

London, Mar. 9.—Thousands of people lined the streets and cheered today as Mr Winston Churchill, the President of the Democratic Party opposition. traditional eight, toured the London former Cabinet. suburb of North Croydon, the scene The Social Democrats, of which of a bye-election on Thursday, Mr Katayama is President, hold which is expected to be the keenest eight sents in the new Cabinet. Two contest since the Labour Government members of the extreme Leftwing clol Democrat).

Mr Fred Harris, Mr Churchill told part of the Prime Minister.
the electors that his return would The Democrats hold seven portsend around the world the words: folios in the New Cabinet of which "England is herself ngain.";

is on the move again." Croydon voted Conservative by a Allied Supreme Commander, gave shi (Social Democrat).
majority of only 607 votes over a formal approval for the Cabinet to Ministers of State: Mr Takeo

has been and still is to rewards. In the UN partition project—Asso- the operation which took place hun- prominent author and lecturer. Mr and Labour respectively, political (Democrat), and Mr Suchiro Nighlo chied Press. Herold Nicholson—Reuter. Harold Nicholson—Reuter.

# **SWELTERS**

LONDON

London, Mar. 9.—London today had its hottest March day since 1870, with a shade temperature, reaching 73. degrees Fahrenheit during the afternoon.

The average temperature for March over the last 30 is 42.9 degrees Fahrenheit.

This time last year, parts of the country were in the grip of heavy snow, with isolated villages cut off by snow drifts.—Reuter.

# FOG CAUSES COLLISIONS AT SEA

Trawler Sinks London, Mar. 9,-As fog blanketed the sea round the English coast on Monday night and early Tuesday, a French trawler sank, two ships were in collision and a tug set out to stand by two others.

Mysterious radio messages intercepted by Land's End radlo, from the French trawler Char Chandon, on the International distress frequency, that the trawler Bisson was "sunk" were cleared up by another message from the French mainland that the Bisson went down off Ushant and that her crew had been landed.

Then, the Penzance Cornwall Coast Guard reported that the Hellenic Trader, believed to be Conndian, had been in collision with an unknown vessel 25 miles south west

Finally a tug set off from Falmouth to stand by the British ships underway to get 1,000,000 tons of Craftsman and Sampenn, which were making slowly for port after being damaged in a collision on Monday. The Hellenic Trader was making

slowly for Falmouth. She reported that she had been holed on the port side near the forepeak, but that her bulkheads were still wetertight.-Associated Press.

#### Cabaret Guild **Sues** Govt.

Shanghai, Mar. 10.-The Cabaret Guild yesterday sued the Social Affairs Bureau authorities for the latter's "illegal act" in dissolving the Guild immediately after the riot of cabaret girls and workers on Janu-

ary 31. The Guild declared that it was not nvolved in the riot and, therefore, tish sold the treaty of 1859 with The Municipal Government have politically sick and worried existing. Guatemala contends the present their case to the court, ac-Nevertheless, the Guild have de-Guatemala City, to the Atlantic finitely decided to proceed with

Messages coming into the "Mac- through Honduras as compensation legal action and have collected Arthur for President" headquarters to Guatemala for loss of the terri- CN\$500 million to cover expenses.

# ASHIDA FORMS CABINET

Tokyo, Mar. 9.—Japan's Prime Minister. Mr Hitoshi Ashida, today announced the formation of a new Cabinet, which included as Deputy Prime Minister Mr Suchiro Nishio, the former Chief Secretary who was reputed to be the "Strong Man" in the last Cabinet.

Mr Tetsu Katayama, the former | Government had a better chance in February, did not accept office in pected." the new Cabinet. Mr Ashida, the new Premier, is Yoshida will continue to sit in

purty are included, an action con-Speaking through a microphone in sidered by political observers here as support of the Conservative candiate, the most notable compromise on the

Prime Minister, who resigned early of survival than was originally ex-. The Liberals under Mr Shigeru

Conservative leader, smoking his and was Foreign Minister in the Other appointments in the new Cabinet were:

Finance: Mr Tokutaro Kitamura (Democrat).

Education: Mr Tatsu Morito (So-

Welfare: Mr Glichi Takeda (Do-mocrat). Agriculture and Forestry: Mr

Kozuo Nagao (Social Democrat). Commerce and Industry: Mr. Chotwo, those of the Prime Minister and Saburo Mizutani (Social Democrat).

"England is herself nguin.

It would show that the old Lion Foreign Minister, are held by Mr (People's Co-operative Party).

Yoshlo Suzuki (Social Democrat), Mr

#### the Board of Trade. "is not paying enough attention to the Far East"... tention.—Reuter.

licences entered into it.

# **EDITORIAL**

YN its intest issue, the Crown Colonist deals at some length with the question of local government in the Colonies, stressing the obvious, that education is a fundamental prerequisite, and emphasising that the ability to conduct or take an intelligent interest In public affairs is not a natural gift, nor is it learned overnight. This is true, and it will probably be sharply brought home to Mongkong when the time arrives for the community to take a more active part in managing its own affairs. Nonetheless, the desire for self-government must be stimulated and developed just as much as knowledge for carrying out the task, and it must be stimulus is offered the people of Hongkong. If the Colony is to possess "good" citizens, -- eager--toidentify themselves with administrative and legislative problems, they must be offered citizenshipa status that will give everyone the personal feeling of belonging to Hongkong and of being a vital. cor in its social and administrative mechanism. It is useless giving the people constitutional reform unless there is evidence that they are interested / in It, and this Interest cannot be expected unless the community has a sense of pride in the place and can regard it as their home. There has never been any serious attempt, especially on the official level, to promote and foster a sense of permanent citizenship. On the contrary the attitude of mind. quite deliberately encouraged. a great deal more confidence in

Hongkong Citizenship

life in Hongkong as a means to an end-to get a safe lob, make as much money in as, quick a time as possible, and then clear out to make way for the next generation who will strive to repeat the formula. Today the situation is somewhat aggravated by the element of doubt about the future status of Hongkong—a doubt which, of course, could be removed by an official declaration of policy from Whitehall. But whether or not it should be declded to make any such declarátion. Government could stimulate the Colony by offering the resident Hongkong citizenship with which would go privileges as well as responsibilities. It seems fairly apparent that the apathy shown by Hongkong towards the proposi-- tion-of-managing\_its.ovn\_affairs\_is\_ | due to the fact that the people do legislative routine designed principally to keep an outpost of the Colonial empire ticking over. local born, of whatever nationality, feel and believe that Hongkong | could not accept the partition "at | him slightly better working conditions and a vote is not sufficient: place, and this can best be slimu-

Most necessary is it to make the | today. The Arab and Moslem worlds

means something to him. Offering | any price", he said.—Reuter. he must be given pride in the Lake. Success, Mar. 9.—Britain' A British Overseas Airways freightlated by conferring on him a full | day she would not permit formation | a height of 18,000 feet over the citizenship and a status which he of a Jewish or Arab militia in Atlantic today, claimed to be the would enjoy if he lived in any Palestine before British rule ends. | greatest height at which refuelling Labour candidate. | be named after he had received Mr Kurusu (Social Democrat), Mr other country. Education in the UN Palestine Commission had in the air has every been carried Since then, 12,000 new electors Ashida.

# ARABS DRIVEN BACK

Jerusalem, Mar. 0.—Several hun-According to Jewish sources, two dred Arab troops, creeping through or three houses had been blown up the pre-dawn tog, today assaulted a Haganah-ringed Jewish colony on the Jerusalem-Ramallah highway that a Jew attempted to plant a but were driven back after an eighthour Aght.

The Arabs used, mortars and machineguns, trying to penetrate the stone house Jewish settlement Ataroth, a short distance from the Arab chieftain Abdul Kader Husselni's headquarters at Ramallah.

between the forces of Irgun and Haganah scouts who spotted the Arabs in the fog gave the alert and Haganah troops withheld fire until the Arabs had crept to the fringe be un of the village. Then they let loose

Arab casualties were not known. Haganah quarters said the scouts' forewarning prevented any element and that land forces are superfluous | 000,000. of surprise and no casualties were is not supported by any evidence in inflicted, on their

ARMOURED CAR STOLEN Jerusalem, Mar. 9.—A police armoured car was stolen by armed Arabs from police workshops in Jerusalem yesterday afternoon, an

Earlier yesterday three incendiary bombs were thrown at vehicles with year. Jewish passengers on the Jerusalem Jaffa road, but nobody was hurt .--Associated Press.

#### EVACUATION

Haifa, Mar. 9.—About 2,200 more British soldiers and civilians were evacuated from Palestine on Tues-

They boarded the steamship Samaria, for the United Kingdom. famous Sixth Airborne Division. - Since the fullscale evacuation began on March 6 about 5.000 Britons of life; in spite of some defects, 1have quit the Holy Land.

Another ship load is scheduled to sail on March 12 as Britain trims its security and administrative forces for the end of the mandate, May 15. -Associated Press,

#### PROPOSAL TO UN

Jerusalem, Mar. 9.—The Jewish Agency on Tuesday cabled its representatives to propose to the United Nations that a 32-member Jewish Council of Government be formed for Palestine's Jewish Area, under the United Nations agreement for the formation of such a council: The Agency's recommendation was that the Council include all 12 agency executive members now in Palestine, 14 from Vand Leumi and

The political complexion recommeritied was for 14 left wingers, including one Communist, 10 Labour and three United Labour, which bears to the left of the Labour Party. The other 18 would include five scripts). general Zionists, which are on the

PARTITION...UNACCEPTABLE defence of ports and airfields, and Baghdad. Mar. 9.—If the British also with a field force properly , not consider the affairs as their withdraw their troops from Pales- balanced and complete with al take action to prevent continued wherever it might be required. bloodshed", Hamdi Pacliachi, the Reuter. Iraqi Foreign Minister, declared here

> BRITAIN'S STAND advised the United Nations on Mon- carrying Liberator was refuelled at At the general election. North General Douglas MacArthur, the Communications: Mr Eili Tomiyo

ordinary mechanics of local asked Britain, as mandatory power, out.

government is not, in liself, suffice for permission to start organisation cleant to east of the two milities as provided for of petrol were transferred during The Labour candidate—is the been given the Ministries of State operative Party), Mr Gigo Tomabech

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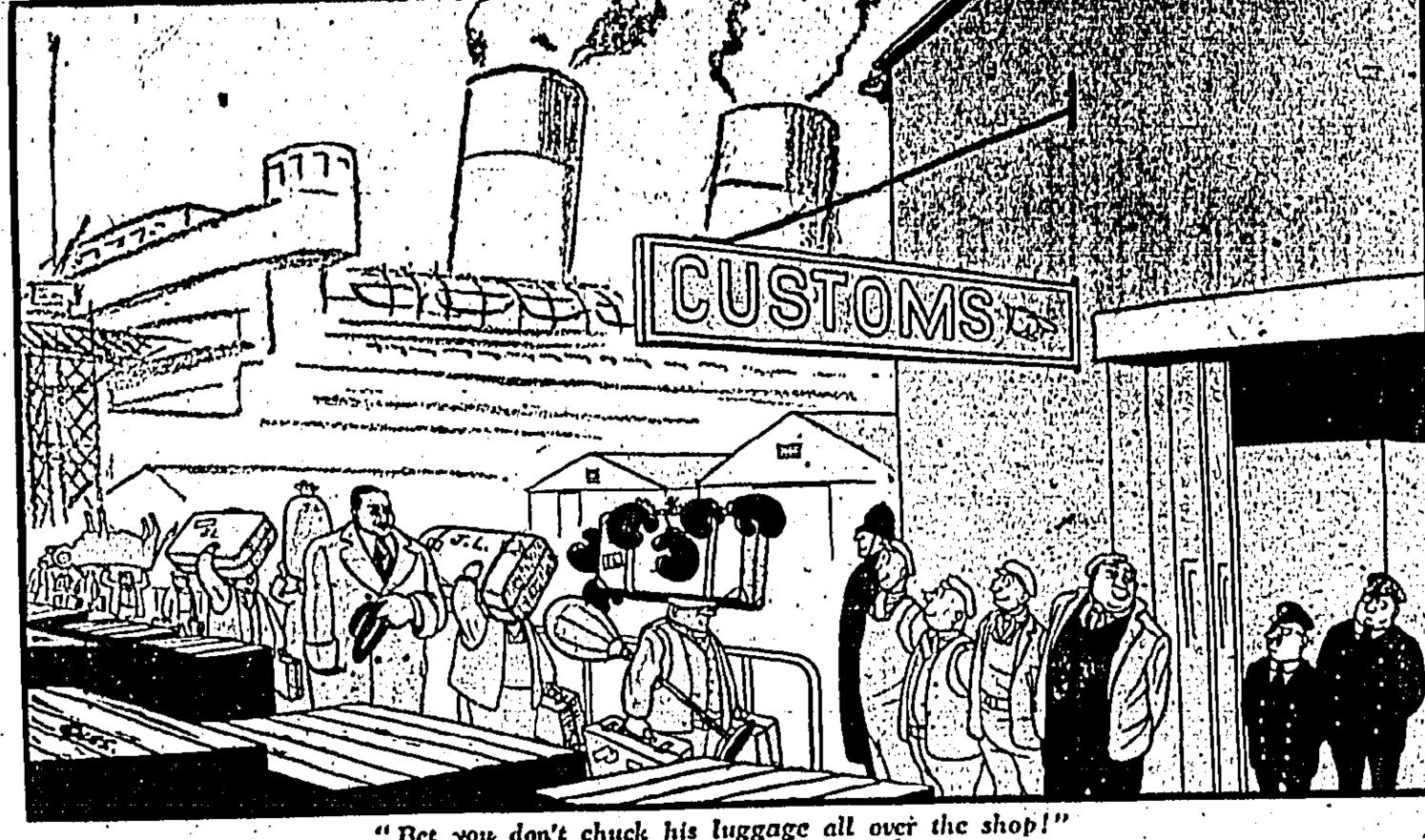
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GUBBINS

TOUR Uncle Nat may consider himself fortunate that he is over age for ndustrial registration.

Otherwise he would either have to choose, or be directed to, the mines, the factories, or the fields, or prove, as a professional scribbler, that he is "gainfully occupied, spending 30 hours a week writing with the intention of selling." .

That is the official definition of writing, which goes to show how much officials know about the bust-

As all officials regard the rest of the population as a lot of liars (and are usually right), it must be assumed that to avoid the call-up a writer would have to provide proof that he was working 30 hours a week with the intention of selling.

Therefore, in order to provide proof to satisfy the official mind. there would have to be an official witness, either sitting by the writer's desk with a stop-watch in one hand, and a nice hot cup of cocoa in the other, or standing outside a locked study door waiting to release the writer when his shift was finished.

If this writer happened to be your again.

snooping. Monday morning, and if anybody sharpening pencils, and stamping string in his handaged hand. took any notice of his knockings and about the room. ringings by ten he would be told

that your Uncle never works on Mondays. When he called on Tuesday 'he

would be told that your Uncle never works on Tuesday. He would get the same information on Wednesday.

On Thursday they would tell him, yes, the funny Uncle works Thursday, because he has to, his deadline being Friday morning.

He would find the funny Uncle right at the top of the house in a filthy temper and probably in bed reading the papers.

#### . Working day

WITHEN the fool entered the room at We the top of the house he would find it just like that. The funny Uncle would be in bed

reading the papers while Lottie the devil cat tore them to pieces as he read them-sometimes before he had a chance to read them. The funny Uncle's filthy temper would not be improved by the

presence of the official, who would low lavern. be subjected to a stream of abuse, critical observations about his personal appearance, and even physical The official would then try to L late from lunch.

of flesh out of them.

tear pieces of fiesh out of his legs.

Eventually she would have him ' From the bed the official would dozen wounds and terrified to move, keep. Lottie quiet for a couple of Gubbins at 9 a.m. precisely on Mon- graces about Mackay's speech, and a chance to finish reading the piece of string and play with her in purpose of observing him at work. extremely effective.

papers, but as nothing particularly some other part of the house. Therefore, the official would also that over his trousers, too.

be terrified to speak. Leaving Lottle the devil cat guarding the prisoner, the funny Uncle would then shave, bath, dress himself, return and sit down at his No doubt the official," thinking like

would then try to take his stop- Lottle the devil cat asleep. Being a "He rose at 10.30 a.m., had a bath, passport to office, his chances would watch and notebook from his pocket. conscientious official, he would be sat at his desk for an hour doing be very good.

appointed. Immobilised while Lottie undid ably have a nervous breakdown be- his shoe laces the official would Uncle would yawn, light a cigarette, night. fore the end of the first week of then observe the funny Uncle stare go into the bathroom to wash his at a blank sheet of paper for upon the way to his club, leaving a wards of an hour, chain-smoking

> He would observe him scribble n line, utter a foul oath, screw the piece of paper into a ball and fling t on the floor. Lottie, believing this to be part

of an organised game; would then ... chase the paper ball round the room, glving the official a chance to wipe

would later bring the wretched man out of a newspaper a recipe for a cup of cocoa, but before he could making a turnip omelette. a cup of cocoa, but before he could making a turnip officers.

sip it. Lottle, bored with the paper Suddenly, from the front of the.

Suddenly, from the front of the.

This is to tell you that no house there came a murmur like the This is to tell you that no only

burns as well-as-wounds. trousers the official would be Filthistan Trio and the Twelve Redamazed to see the funny Uncle Bearded Dwarfs. They were stamp out of the room and bang gesticulating, and talking loudly and the goor without writing a line. If happily. Then the bell rang, and a he cared to look out of the window scared maid announced that nearly he would see him loping off to a twenty visitors requested the honour

# Working afternoon A misunderstanding

dazed official would then see the hot-foot to the drawing-room. Think-If he rattled anything in his pocket funny Uncle removing his tie, jacket ing his wife was presenting a cup she would fly at his trousers and and trousers and getting back into to some local football team, he add-

had caught an early train to town. If he called on Saturday or Sunday he would be told to get the hell out of it.

#### Report

week and he could make the Labour M.P. worth watching. following report:-

"According to instructions con- of subjects, and have never failed tained in para. 413(b). Section W to be impressed by the quality of the Essential Work Order, these efforts. I called at the house of the writer day, January 12, 1948, for the very little emotion, but it is

funny would have occurred to him Whichever he did he would have work on Mondays. I was also in- executive, sure of himself and right by then his temper would be fouler a miserable afternoon, and when ten formed that he did not work on on top of his subject. was brought up Lottie would have Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

> at the rate of 30 hours for a five- enter into this question. day week, provided for in the Mackay is quiet and reserved in

a fool of literature, midnight oil and "On Thursday I was informed him does The foolish official, believing that candles burning in garrets, would that he did work that day, but exceptional quality. this was an indication that the funny expect the funny Uncle to work at found him in bed reading news- In an ideal political world-not

But at the first movement of his quite prepared to sit up and take nothing, went out at 11.30 a.m., As things are they are highly upde the plant. Lettle would for at a transfer and take nothing, went out at 11.30 a.m., As things are they are highly upde the plant. Lettle would for at a transfer to the plant. them and he would be wounded But once more he would be dis- went to bed rose at 5.30 p.m., and cated, because his quality is unarried. "He had not returned at mid-At about 5.30 p.m. the funny

"I did not see this writer again, TROM Labour's standpoint the face, and be out of the house and as he does not work on Fridays, Saturdays, or Sundays either. "He is violent and abusive and

# keeps a savage cat." THE

by-Beachcomber A Manor. The Colonel was pose. The good-natured Colonel than a confidency expected to make a contribution of his deposit to the LL was calm at Wretch the visitors wild with delight. dozing in his study, with a copy led the singing of "For they are of Horse, Gun and Rod in his jolly good fellows." Then his eye

ball, would have the cup out of his house there came a murmur like the hand and the scalding cocoa over his low growl of a mob in movement. He would then be suffering from and ran to a window. A strange sight met her eyes. She saw Wugof a word with her.

THE visitors were shown into a I large drawing-room, and as Mrs. violence if he dared to answer back. THE funny Uncle would be back Wretch came in, the yammering died down, and Wugwell stepped forward. make his presence more bearable. The wounded official, his hands "To what do I owe the pleasure—?" by adapting himself to the cir-bandaged, would be sitting patiently Mrs Wretch began. Whereat the cumstances. He would snap his by his desk waiting for the afternoon's twelve dwarfs cheered lustily, wave fingers and call "pretty pussy" to work to begin, while Lottic, refreshed ing their nondescript hats in the air. Biggest Bubble In My Champagne." Lottle the devil cat, who would fly by grilled herring and milk, would The Trio inited in and Anselmo proat the fingers and tear large pieces be trying to get his trousers off. | duced a Union Jack from a clock. Hardly believing his eyes, the The cheering brought the Colonel ed his voice to the uproar, which sent

One of the women of the house lap. Mrs Wretch was cutting lighted on Wugwell, and the words

Mrs Wretch pricked up her long ears, daughter of mine and I have only or any other kind of queen in any Union between England and Scot-Before the cocon was dry on his well and his clown Anselmo, the Sopping Overcote shop. All this mucking about in public is no good But I gather that on both sides for her how do you expect her to the will to achieve something posisettle down helping her mother in live is strong. the kitchen if she is always gadding about in a cardboard crown, why can't you stick to your job like I do mine, I don't ask you to come here and be the cannibal king do I. Well Yours truly.

Alfred Slopcorner.

song, "The Little Round Wickerwork Hat," is called "You're the Just caacan't seem to forget yew,

Honey, Ah'm kinda stale an' flat,

# In And Out Of Parliament

# By Ernest Thurtle, M.P.

TH the announcement of the plebiscite figures the issue between Mr Bevan and the doctors is fairly joined.

At present there is no indication of any concession to the intransigent doctors.

Mr Bevan, I understand, enjoys the unanimous support of his Cabinet colleagues, and his party is certainly behind him, as the vote made

clear: Frequently discussed is the parallel between the present dispute with the doctors and that of

In 1911, after much vigorous protesting, the great majority of the doctors joined the panel

There is a good deal of hope, if not confidence, in official circles that the present dispute will end in similar fashion.

But meantime anxiety is not absent.

THERE may yet be some changes in the redistribution proposals of the Representation of the People Bill, but it is clear the Government intends to see the main features of the measure

carried into law. The University seats appear not to have a hope of survival. Indeed, I understand that this form of double franchise has not a single friend in

the Cabinet. As for the City of London, whose sheriffs provided us with u plcturesque ceremony of protest last

week, it may get a minor concession. Parliament may permit it to make a marriage, of convenience with Westminster, instead of being forced If the official called on Friday into what it obviously regards he would find that the funny Uncle as a mesalliance with Shoreditch

and Finsbury. Will the scorned lament? Certainly not.

If I for N. W. Hull, is a backbench From time to time I have heard him make speeches on a variety

There are no literary or rhetorical

He might, indeed, be likened to "I was informed that he did not an able and fluent business

Will such a man get office? On "I noted that this was a waste ability I certainly think he should of 18 hours, or six hours a day, do so, but other factors necessarily

manner, and not until one hears this one-where merit was the only

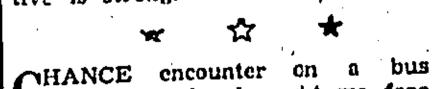
Paisley by-election result was eminently satisfactory. Surprisingly so, indeed, since the figures are actually better than those

One immediate consequence of Paisley has been the raising of hopes of winning North Croydon, where the intervention of Air Vice-Marshal Bennett as Liberal candidate makes that contest a much more open

In Wigan the Communist candidate In is confidently expected to make a

Lords reform is now getting down to work. It is likely to en-

counter many snags. One, for example, is that any change, in the representation of Scottish peers will involve an amendment of the ancient Act of



the other day brought me face to face with an old Parliamentary colleague in the person of the Rt. Hon. J.H. Thomas. It had been a long time since I had

last seen him, but I thought he looked TOR purposes of publication, the extremely vigorous for the 76 years to which he confessed.

Optimism used to be, the strong suit of J.H.T., but I fear this is no longer the case. For as I got off the bus at Westminster he pointed to the Houses of Parliament and said You're the biggest bubble in mu solemnly: "You are going to have a sminsh up there before long."

In your little round wickerwork I hope the thought was not the child of a wish of our old colleague.







# This Space Every Day BEAUTY ARTS

By LOIS LEEDS



Posed for Lois Leeds.

Do you know these beautifying facts?

DO YOU KNOW?

Do you know that If you tle a band around your hair when you cleanse or make up, you will be able to reach right to the hairline and do in good Job?

Do you know that a new makeup ldea is to use pale, pale shades, whether or not you are very fair?

Do you know, too, that more rouge is being worn with this new "benutiful doll" makeup?

coat can be made into a stunning short cape? Do you know that your old shoe buckles can now be worn on the

Do you know that your old fur

now-in-fashion pumps? Do you know that flat velvet bags can be decorated with any number

of pins and that they are the smartest bags of the season? Do you know that Rhinestones on Black velvet ribbons are tied about

neck and wrists to "perk up" party

dresses?



The kind of powder that you choose is really important. Is it fine and flower-like? Heavy powder causes a "cakey" look, so choose your powder carefully. This does not mean that it must be expensive: Some inexpensive powders are very finely milled.

Do you know that a four-inch band of soft crinoline, sewed into your skirt hem, will make a circular skirt swing out like a costly model

Do you know that only the young took attractive in ballerina skirts and ballet-type slippers?

Do you know that Pink will again make you beautiful this coming Spring?

#### SPRING LOOK



It's new, it's gay, it's made from cotton costing only a few shillings a yard, and it may earn dollars for Britain in the American stores. I frock in black and white with fantail hemline. from the Matilda Etches collec-

#### SIDE GLANCES

#### By Galbraith



for itself—but we haven't finished paying for the last

# Behind Barbed-Wire He Saw Shangri-la

The long queue in front of the American Red Cross soup kitchen opposite Frankfurt's half-demolished, six-century-old Liebfrauen church moved slowly in the light snowfall.

# GEORGE IS **WORTH \$59** PER FOOT



FITHE values of zoo animals, L like those of stocks and shares, are constantly fluctuatbalance sheet can show both German State. He read also that the great Ger- when West's queen dropped, Kemprises and falls.

Since, during 1947, animal values generally further increased, there Meinhardt decided to take a walk, fore the London Zoo's uditors, writes a correspondent. In not a price.

A case in point is the giraffe,

George is one of the best "investments" the London Zoo ever made. Bought in 1935 for £382 from a dealer, this 17ft, giraffe is now worth fully £1,000.

The giraffe section of the London Zoo has, in fact, a higher value than ever before, for at Regent's Park and Whipsnade there are seven other specimens, all almost equally valu-

# LAMENT FOR BROKEN NEEDLES

Japan has Hari-Kuyo day.

That is not a new democratic version\_of\_hari\_kiri,\_but\_a straight-faced memorial service centration camps, and the children study the play, it-may-prove very to comfort the spirits of needles broken during the year.

All over Japan, women and young girls held elaborate ceremonies in homes and schools-the same ser-

is a living thing whose body has been sacrificed in service.

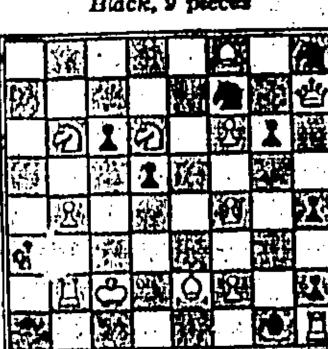
In one Tokyo girl's school, the set up an altar and strung the Europe is also finished. Her old 'Fuehrer' and the Italian word 'Duce' "sacred staff and rice rope" before peoples will follow her old stones. have in common? it. On the top step of the altar they There's no hope left for her." reverently placed offerings of fruit and cake. On the second step was frozen to death. set a plate of tofu, a bean-curd

In solemn procession the students marched up and stuck their broken and twisted needles in the jelly, giving them a soft resting place after their hard work.

For a final touch, the priest intoned a Buddhist sutra to calm the spirits of the lamented needles.

#### CHESS PROBLEM

By O. VOTRUBA Black, 9 pieces



White, 12 pieces. White to play and mate in two. Solution to yesterday's

1, R-Kt4; threat, 2, R-RB4. 1 . . . BXKt; 2, RXB; 1 . . . B—R6; 2, R (Q7) QKt7; 1 . . . B—B8; 2, R (Kt4)—Kt7,

# An old man with a long white beard stood patiently in the

Very few recognised him as Nicholas Meinhardt, once worldfarnous art critic of the great liberal newspaper Frankfurter Zeltung, suppressed by Hitler.

When the Nazis came to power in 1933, Meinhardt was almost 70. Only his age saved him from the concentration camp. Since then he had lived by selling his treasured objets d'art and his library.

But now there was nothing more

He got his soup, a piece of bread, ate it in a hurry, slowly began to walk home.

For old Herr Melnhardt "home" was the cellar of his 300-year-old house in the Old-Town. Like most other houses there it

#### Strange Idea

As he walked, Melnhardt had a had 'written little stories about made by Ralph Kempner, a Chicago Frankfurt's past (he was the Ruskin Life Master. I can vouch, for the of his town).

Frankfurt may become the capital of outlined it to me was as follows: Trizonla, the united British-Ameri- Kempner (South) won the open can-French zones. It may be also lead with the ace of hearts and led ing; and the menagerie's the capital of a separate Western a small spade to dummy's king. A

man architect, Dr Walter Gropius, a ner led another club. West did not self-exile in America for many years, want to ruff this worthless club, so may rebuild Frankfurt.

will be some high figures to go be- not to see the ruins, but to look at them as they had been before. He put his hands into his threadbare overcoat. His shabby shoes left

few cases they will find exhibits black marks in the white snow as which, of recent years, have almost he went to his uncertain destination. trebled their original purchase He was near "Round-up," the part of Frankfurt which had been spared most from the bombs,

#### Children Gassed

The Americans had thrown barbed-wire barricades around it, established themselves in its houses and public buildings.

It was an Americanised Frankfurt behind those barricades. Clean streets, well lit, warm and cosy restaurants for officers and men, night clubs, shops,

He came to a lonely street lamp. Near to it was a niche formed by ruins. He sat down to rest. He had sat like this in front of many old Frankfurt buildings, getting inspiration from the ancient stones.

He smiled, took some paper and a pencil from his pocket, pondered for n moment, then began to write.

First he wrote he had waited for then led the king of hearts. his soup and why he went for the stroll. An opinion of the Shangri-la

he wrote his opinion that God had punished the Germans for their ter- hand. just observed rible deeds in World War II.

nieces served Hitler.

"Two of my cousins died in conof cousin Friedrich, who married a valuable to you in the future. Jewess, were gassed in Auschwitz.

#### Punishment To Come

"But the punishment for all this is yet to come. Atomic bombs will fortunate broken needles 1,600 years rain down on Germany, torn into reunited again, and Walter Groplus The idea is that a sewing needle should do something more useful than to rebuild this city. "Don't rebuild German cities, tar-

gets of the next war. "Frankfurt was built in 1,000- 4. Name the cleanest animal. years. Now she's finished. And Next morning people found him way depot?

DUMB-BELLS **YDOCTOR** TOLD ME IMUST THE NEXT TAKE / A LONG TOWN TO EXT? WALK after MEALS!

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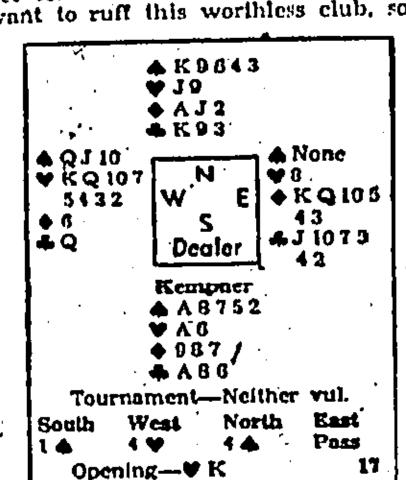
TO-DAY

# ON BRIDGE

5 Losers Cut to 3 With an End-Play

WILLIAM. E. McKENNEY

TEARS ago a problem appeared in had been demolished in an American I the Bridge World in which there nir raid some time before Christmas, was a double sluff and a ruff, but I do not recall ever having seen the play in an actual contest. In Chicago recently Julius Bank gave strange idea. For many years he me today's hand, which he said was fact that Kempner is just the type of In the morning paper he read that difficult hand. The play as Bank



he let Kempner win the trick dummy with the king.

A spade was led to the ace, followed by a small diamond to-dammy's ace. Then the jack of hearts was played. West won this trick with the queen, and in order to keep from getting end-played any further, he eashed the queen of spades, Kempner discarded a diamond

from dummy and a club from his in the American zone of Frankfurt own hand. All West could do was to lead another heart, and on this Then, with old Gothic characters, Kempner discarded the last diamond from dummy and ruffed in his own Now he was able to trump a dia-

"Mine," he wrote, "was a typical mond in dummy, trump a club back German family. Eight of my in his hand and ruff off the last nephews were Nazis and four of my diamond, thus losing only two hearts and a spade.

If you will lay this hand out and

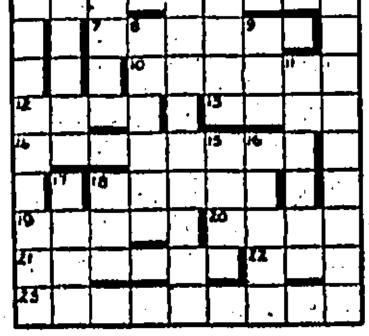
#### Check Your Knowledge

1. When and where was the first motor car race held? 2. Who was Sinclair Lewis' second wife?

3. In what country are birds' nests enten as food? 5. What do the German word

6. Name the world's largest rail-(Answers on Page 4)

## CROSSWORD



1. This clue is filled by a mere

22. Hegin the metric system. (3) 23. How different when I get a note. t. He siways opens the Harlequinade. (9)
2. Cancel. (5)
3. A well-known indian tribe who
pledge for a start. (4)
4. This is where you mix up the
crate chit. (9)
5. A Beer police official. (4)
6. What can be made of idle coast.

8. Here you can actually see the geo go into fat. (6) 9. A written promise. (3) 11. Conveyance. (3) 16. Nothing better. (4) 16. Animal. (5) 17. She is usually indicative of stale 18. Possessive adjective. (8)

There's help all round the broken Golution of yesterday's puzzla.—Aereest

#### Rupert's Silver Trumpet—22



The first of the strange figures in the sky come to earth not far from the little pals. Willie loses his nerve and runs away, but Rupert and Algy stand fast, and next moment the strangers are marching smartly towards them. Why, they're toy soldiers, and there's a corporal leading them, gaspa the little bear. The corporal halts. Where is Santa Claus? he aiks. Is he in danger? Rupert stares, if don't know, he says; why should he be? I don't understand what you mean.

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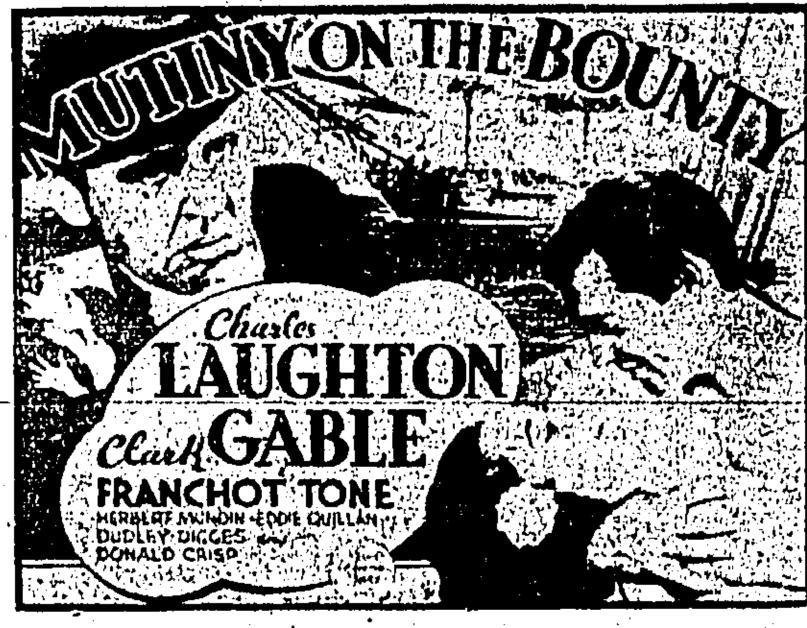
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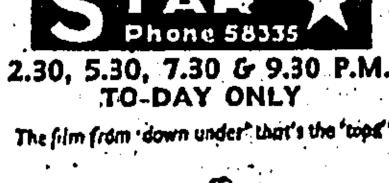


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# Chennault's Plane Shot At

Washington, Mary 9.—General planes with Russian Red Star | sent delegates. markings on a flight from belonged to the Russian forces | tional trade union organisations. based at Port Arthur.

"No one has any reason to shoot evacuation flights from Mukden. and bore Russian markings, they

could not have been Chinese. The Chinese have no P-39s" he declared. Asked whether the incident was connected with his trip to Washington to testify before a Congressional committee on proposed United States ald to China, General Chennault said: "I do not like to think. "It will not be reassuring to my pllots if they feel that the incident is the result of my being here.

"The Russians have no reason to object to the flights to and from Mukden. We are operating under the authority of the Chinese Government, over Chinese territory and are complying in every way with international law as related to such a service."

General Chennault said his planes had already evacuated about 3,000 persons from Mukden, and he hoped the operation would be completed shortly.-Reuter.

# St Patrick's Society To Celebrate

The Committee of St Patrick's Society of Hongkong has made the following arrangements for the celebration of St Patrick's Eve and St Patrick's Day.

On St Patrick's Eve, March 16, a "Gripps," Hongkong Hotel, which will be, preceded by cocktails. Dancing will be to the music of the "Gripps" Orchestra and that of the 1st Battalion of the Royal Inniskilling Fusillers, whose Pipers and Dancers will also be present.

Irish orchestral music and "Pipers" will be heard during Dinner, and this should create exactly the right atmosphere for some Irish Dances to be included in the programme later on in the evening, and especially for the climax—the distributionof Shamrock at midnight. Dancing will be from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. and a late ferry leaving Hongkong a 2.30 a.m. has been arranged for Kowloon residents.

On St Patrick's Day, March 17, at 9 u.m. the President of the League of Nations told a press con-Society, Mr W. La Bart Sparrow, in ference in New York today that he

#### wreath on the Cenotoph. CENOTAPH CEREMONY

The Cenotaph Ceremony, will this year, be held in conjunction with a fracing towards a third world war". parade of the 1st Battallon, The Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers whose Shaw, D.S.O., M.C., will also lay a in St Patrick's Day relebrations, said wreath. Music for the parade will he thought the League of Nations be provided by the Regiment's Band whose Buglers will sound the Last Post and Revellle.

Members attending the Ceremony should assemble at the North side of the Supreme Court at 8.45 a.m. All members of the Society should have by now received full details of prrangements, but as the new register I shall be glad." of members may not be complete, or as members may have failed to notify the Hon. Secretary of changes | House tomorrow.—Associated Press. in address, any member who has not received this information is asked to get in touch with the Hon. Secretary, P.O. Box No. 615.

simple Dinner Dance, which was on City. extremely enjoyable event and proved to be an outstanding success. From the demand for invitations this year's function will undoubtedly be, for all intents and purposes, a revival of the St Patrick's Ball of pre-war days, which was one of the most enjoyable and important events . in the social life of Hongkong. This year the Society is extremely fortunate in that they have a famous Irish Regiment stationed in the Colony who will be joining with the Society and lending its support in the celebrating of Ireland's Patron Saint's Day, and it is more than likely that St., Patrick's Day, 1949, and the "Coad millo failthe" extended to guests will long the re-

# World Trade Unionists Meet To Discuss European Recovery

London, Mar. 9. Divisions within the international trade union movement must not prevent those who could agree from walking together on the path to European recovery, Miss Florence Hancock, the British chairman, told the international Trade Union Conference on the Marshall Plan here today.

man of the General Council of the Trades Union Congress, was speaking at the opening session of the Conference, which is many must be put into operation being attended by representa- with all speed to avoid "a very grave tives of most of the major trade union movements in Western the West against the East. The Europe and the United States.

She declared that they were meeting to "come to grips" with a situation created by the decision of the

Mustrian workers stood believed to 16 European nations to participate recovery programme as one man", M. in the promotion of economic recovery Johann Boehm, of the Austrian and the decision of other governments Federation of Labour, declared. to pursue a different line of policy.
The Conference approved the credentials of 48 delegates from 26

union centres. The rival American trade union Claire L. Chennault, the opera- groups—the Congress of Industrial tor of the airline whose plane Organisations and the American was attacked by two fighter Federation of Labour-have both

Portugal, Turkey, Iceland and Greece are not represented. Other Mukden to Tsingtao, said to- absentees are the representatives of night he believed the fighters the official French and Italian na-

Extensive Precautions Extensive precautions had been at us," he said, adding that he had taken to ensure the privacy of the ordered his planes to continue their | Conference delegates, who were taken quickly into Transport House, "If the fighter planes were P-39s | the British trade union headquarters, before the press or photographers could meet them. The floor on which the Conference was held ... was cleared of all

> All speakers at today's conference emphasised the importance of the labour and the trade union movements of Western Europe in the European recovery programme.

Two commissions of seven members each have been established. The first will prepare a general declaration of the nims of the Conference and the second will make recommendations about some form of continuing organisation.

M. Louis Major, of the Belgian Labour Federation, spoke for the Benelux national trade union centres. He hoped that the other countries represented at the conference would examine the initiative taken by the Benelux countries in the direction of a customs union.

Mr Frank Fenton, of the American Federation of Labour, who spoke also for the American Labour Exccutives Association, said they firmly believed the success of the recovery programme would depend largely on the Western European trade union-

Advisory Committee

cipating countries should seek close them. association with their own governments in the administration of the

recovery programme. The present conference should agree to set up a trade union advisory committee to keep in touch Dinner Dance will be held in with and to inform all the national centres about developments of the

# **VALERA** THINKS UNO DOOMED

New York, Mar. 9.—Eamon de Valera, former Prime Minister tions Organisation is doomed to dinner table.

failure. The former President of the the\_presence\_of\_members-will-lay-a-| does-not-see-how-UNO-can-sticeeed; tecause "nobody can have any con-

fldence" in it. He warned that "the world is De Valera, visiting the United States at the invitation of Irish-Commanding Officer, Lt. Col. D. M. American organisations to take part "had far more promise than the

United Nations. Denying a report that, he had come to America to arouse sentiment against the partition of Ireland. De Volera added: "How-... ever, if my presence here should arouse any support against partition

He will pay a courtesy,' call on President Truman at the White

#### CHECK YOUR KNOWLEDGE Answers '

Trish men and women, in the Colony who are not members and who may wish to join the Society should also communicate with the Hon. Secretary.

Inst year the Society held a more

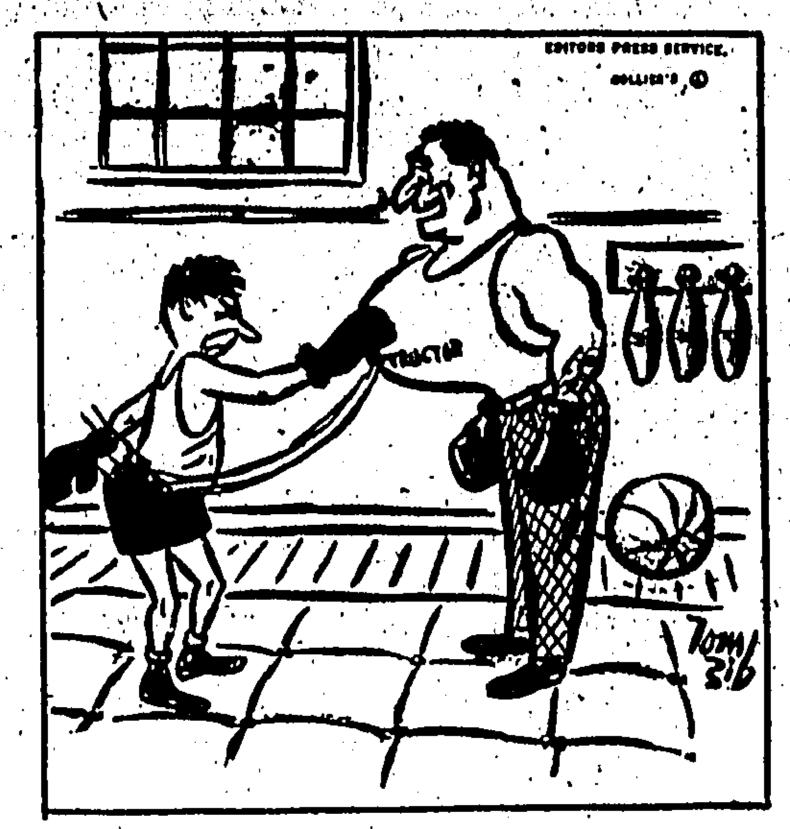
1. Thanksgiving Day, 1895, at Darticularly when Sidney Dather went on In 14 balls he took three wickets for one run. Colin McCool captured three wickets for 42.

They both mean "lender." 6. The Darticularly when Sidney Dather went on In 14 balls he took three wickets for one run. Colin McCool captured three wickets for 42.

They both mean "lender." 6. The long of the Matter of the M Last year the Society held a more Pennsylvania Station, New York claimed five wickets for 35 runs.—

Miss Hancock, who is Chair- programme. This committee should be empowered to reconvene the con-ference when necessary.

> There was no intention of lining up "Austrian workers stood behind the



"That's more like it, Mr Simpson—I think I felt it that time."

"revolutionary changes" in Czecho-

From the beginning Dr Benes

realised the gravity of the situation,

but he refused to give in. Until

Tuesday, February 24, he refused to

democratic ministers following which

Dr Benes even sent a message on

Sunday, February 22, to several

of Parliament saying he would not

give in to the Communist demand

for a Communist-controlled cabinet.

On Tuesday, February 24, Kle-

ment Gottwald pressed Dr Benes for

a decision. Roughly he said: "Mister

President, you have to accept the

resignation of the 12 ministers.

Here is a list with the names of the

does not matter whether or not you

sign. The result will be the same.

But I advise you strongly to sign."

Tension Grew

new members of my cabinet.

inside the city.

perhaps decided the issue.

meeting was brief.

assured Dr Benes.

On Monday, February 23, the

President had sent for the Minister

of Defence, Gen Ludvik Svoboda,

officially a non-party man. Their

"Are you with me or against me?"

"With you under any circum-

Twenty-four hours later Syoboda

betrayed the President, On

February 24 he issued a proclama-

tion stating that the army will

Dr Benes asked the General.

accept the resignation of

slovakia were made with

Kremlin's full consent.

# WHY BENES ACCEPTED GOTTWALD'S CABINET

BY PAVEL TIGRID

Munich, Mar. 9.—At last I am able to reveal what happened when Czechoslovakia's political crisis was at its height, and why President Benes was forced to accept the appointment of a Communist-dominated cabinet. I gathered the facts from representatives of the Czech democratic parties who were able to escape to the American zone of Germany. For security reasons, their names cannot yet be revealed.

The Czech crisis developed | pinnanamanamanamanamanamanamanamana very quickly following the arrival on Thursday, February 19, at the Prague airfield, of Zorin, deputy Soviet Minister of Foreign Affairs and former Soviet Ambassador to Czechoslovakia. It had been established that Zorin brought with him an order from Moscow to the Czech Communists to go ahead with a putsch. Zorin talked with several Czech non-Communist ministers in an attempt to win their approval of the new government.

In the Communist vocabulary "the people" means only the Communist people.

#### Army-Purge Begins

Sydbodif also ordered a general cleansing of "all reactionary elements" in the Czech' army. The Mr Arthur Deakin, the British army purge was in full swing. Hundelegate and President of the World dreds of officers were suddenly Federation of Trade Unions, said the given leave and Communist officers trade 'unions in each of the parti- were moved up quickly to replace

> In the afternoon of February 25, Gottwald went to the President's Dr Benes removed Gottwald, who the new ministers. appeared to be playing Hitler's old

---Gottwald --- sald: -- "It --- does --- not - up to the castle and right into this matter whether or not you sign. room. Several thousands of armed are waiting now in Wenceslas Square. in Vladislavova Street. They just-If you sign I am going to announce wait for an order to-join the others.

# Four Dead Women Found In House

Paris, Mar. 9 .- When the door to 135, Faubourg du Temple, Paris, was broken open tonight, four dead of Eire, thinks the United Na- women were found scated round the

been caused by gas poisoning from a stove which had apparently been used to heat the after-dinner coffee. The gas was still flowing when the

bodles were found. The door was broken open by a there had been no sign of the women there had been no sign of the women since Saturday.—Reuter.

#### TASMANIA WINS

Launceston, Tasmania, Mar. 9.— Australia's touring, cricketers beat Tasmania in the second of their trial games here today by an innings and 49

Australia, overnight 223 for four. mature performance of the added only 65 runs for the last six popular three-act comedy, "The wickets today to be all out for 288 Middle Watch." Last night's Macao, Tsinahan and Shekki (Sea) 2 p.m. in reply to Tasmania's first innings and Shekki (Sea) 2 p.m.

Tasmania, however, collapsed, enjoyed themselves immensely. this one is for players to parody their roles, but the YMCA cast, skilfully avoids this pitfall.

JAB and FLOUNDER



#### THE AUTHOR

Pavel Tigrid, youthful leader of the Czech Catholic People's Party and editor-in-chief of party newspapers before the Communists selzed power, discloses in the following exclusive dispatch the inside story, of the coup. Tigrid left Czechoslovakia legally 24 hours before the border was scaled. His information ... has been gathered from top political leaders who later escaped and authorised the revelations.

A warrant was issued for Tigrid's arrest on February 23. On February 27 a number of Czech newsmen were expelled by the Journalists' Union and six others were disciplined for. among other reasons, "having associated with Pavel Tigrid."

The following dispatch discloses for the first time the betrayal of President Edouard Benes by Minister of Defence Gen. Ludvik Svoboda and the role Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Zorin played in forcing a Communist showdown.

eastle. During a stormy exchange your decision and read the names of

"But if you will not sign I am going to lead these tens of thousands Tens of thousands of armed workers men, militia and police are massed I assure you with all these men around you will not be able to resist the will of the people."

The President saw all was lost Gottwald made no secret of the fact that Moscow supported the entire show. Some Czechs now in Germany even maintain that Gotfwald actually threatened Dr Benes with direct Soviet intervention. Gottwald also promised that if Dr

Benes approved the Communist cabinet he would assure that the 12 never march against the people." Zorin said in particular that the

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tic Club offer a pleasant and

#### stances," he replied. "Can I rely on you?" the President "I am at your service," Svoboda

They had been dead since Satur- ministers who resigned and dozens of other non-Communist politicians The police said the deaths had and newspapermen would be safe. Otherwise, he assured Dr Benes, they would be arrested at once.-

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THURSDAY, MARCH 11 Closing Times By Air while giving full value to the comic Shanghal, 9 a.m. (reg); 930 a.m. (ord), situations and the amusing dialogue, Manila, 1130 a.m. ituations and the amusing diniogue, Bangkok, Bingapore, Batavia, Colombo, Kilfully avoids this pitfall.

Sydney and Auckland, 3.30 p.m.

Shanghal, Nanking, Hankow, Taingtao,

There are some splendid individual performances, such as Arnold Graham's Admiral Sir Hercules Hewitt, Joan Horman Fisher's Mary Carlton, Jim Moodie's Captain Maitland, and Bob Leigh's handling of that choice role, Marine Ogg.

Delightful vignettes come from Nan Moodie' as Charlotte Hopkinson and Eric MacNider as Ah Fong.

There are practically no blemishes in this presentation, the only short—comings indiced last anight being somewhat too many missed lines and some faulty timing. Both can be

Macao, Tsinshan and Shekki (Sea) 4 p.m. Kongmoon (Sea) 5 p.m. Canton (Sea) 5 p.m.

some faulty timing. Both can be debited to "first night" nerves and are easily corrected.
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# Favourable Reaction To MacArthur's Decision

BY ERNEST HOBERECHT

Tokyo, Mar. 9.—General Douglas MacArthur plans to go on here in Japan as though nothing had happened, according to all indications, and although he has decided to make himself available for a political career if drafted for the Presidency, he did not let that alter his regular routine;

Supreme Commander would the advancement of Asiatic races." handle all political details.

It is understood that he told his

and stencilled in Allied Headquarters offices near Gen. MacArthur's office and then delivered in a finished form this morning to the Public Information Office just prior to the release time.

Busy With Jap Cabinet The General is undoubtedly busy these days since a new Japanese Cabinet has been in formation, and the final list without question had

to be submitted to him before the

list was released to the public by the Japanese tonight. It is recalled that MacArthur told the forty-sixth Ordinary Yearly the House Foreign Affairs Committee Meeting of the Members of this. that he could not return to America Company will be held at the Cabinet formation process. Pro-Office of Messrs. Jardine, Mathebably nobody hopes more than the son & Co., Ltd., on Wednesday Japanese that the future policy will the 17th day of March, 1948, at be "business as usual." As it stands now, the Japanese know what the policy is, and they fear that a change Board of Directors and Statement. of Supreme Commander may upset of Accounts for the year ended the present arrangements.

ready speculating that there might be several changes in the Allied Notice is also given that the Headquarters if MacArthur is Transfer Books of the Company nominated for the President. They will be closed from the 4th March, think that MacArthur would some of his closest associates back to America with him, thus bringing both days inclusive, about a shuffle in the personnel here and possibly policy changes.

the Communists opened a bid for Good For Far East On the other hand, many Japanese agree with some observers here that it would be beneficial to the Far democratic ministers and members East if MacArthur is elected President. They point out that Mac- Hongkong, 20th February, 1948. Arthur has a wide knowledge of Far Eastern affairs, and his election as President undoubtedly would mean ncreased United States attention towards this part of the world. It is recalled that MacArthur said

in his China statement that the Americans must look "for a better life through yet untapped oppor-

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'Meanwhile, tension in the country grew. Prague students demon-6. Studio: Children's Half Hour. B.B.C. Transcription Service: "Tammy Troots' Notices and Classified Advertise-visit to London"; 0.30. Composer Caval-ments will be received up till 4.30 strated and were shot at. For the ufternoon of February 25; the Com-World and Home News: 7.15, Songs by p.m. for the following day. ende: Robert Stolz: 7, London Relay: munists prepared a huge rally of armed workers and militia. Trucks Oscar Natzke (Bass): 7.30, Studio: "I were beginning to unload workers Bring you Music"—Classical Request Prowere beginning to, unload workers gramme. Presented by Marion Glover; 8.30. B.B.C. Transcription Service: "Navy Gottwald gave Dr Benes until four Mixture" Melodies: 9. London Relay: o'clock on the afternoon of February News: 9.10, Weather Report: 9.11, Inter-lude: 9.15, London Relay:—A Talk—Dr ENGLISHMAN, 26, single, matriculated 25 to decide. At that same time, Jenner. The Story of the Discovery of 12 months with R.A.F. in Hong Kong masses\_of\_armed\_Communists\_were Veccine; 9.45, Favourites from the Operas; (1945-40) \_\_desires\_return\_immediately\_to to be assembled in Prague's biggest 10, London Relay: Radio Newsreel; 10.15, square to take their orders. Zorin expressed his approval of the entire That day saw the blow which

Most observers think that the tunities for trade and commerce in keep right on with his business of running the occupation and let his boosters in America expressed relative to the need for a self-sufficient Japan,

The importance of the MacArthurnow Public Information Officer, announcement to the Far East is seen Col. M. P. Echols, that there would in a statement to the United Press be no change in his public relations by the Chinese judge, Mei Ju-no. programme, and so far as his relations of the International Military tions with the press are concerned it would be "business as usual."

However, it is learned that the statement announcing that he would run if nominated was not handled macArthur has "great foresight" and wide experience in mattern and wide experience in the far East. He said that the statement announcing that he would be a statement announcing that in the routine manner by the Pub- wide experience in matters related lie Information Office but written to the Far East.—United Press.

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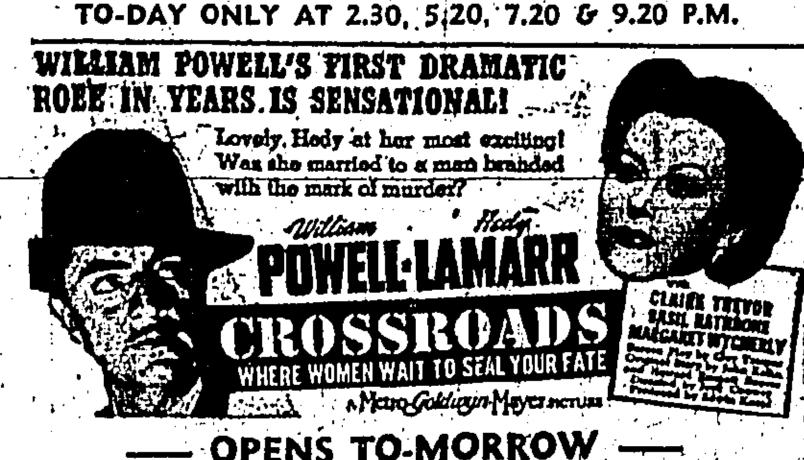
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